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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

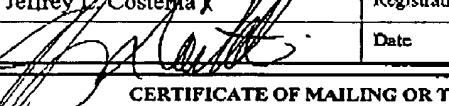
Application Number	10/757,459
Filing Date	January 15, 2004
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2871
Examiner Name	Phu Vu
Attorney Docket Number	740756-2702

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

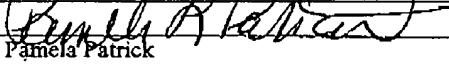
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 20, 2006. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).	
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed	
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment/Reply	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Formal Drawings
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	v. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
2. Miscellaneous	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
3. Fees	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account # 19-2380 in the amount of \$1,015.00	
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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